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ANNUAL REPORT

of the

TOWN OFFICERS

Town of

WESTHAMPTON

Year Ending December 31, 1948

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FOR THE

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Town Clerk

Births 1948

1	May	10	Cynthia Mae LaValley
2	May	13	Thomas Reed Hathaway
3	May	15	Robert Murray Clapp
4	June	12	Stephen John Cernak
5	July	1	Mary Anne Mocheski
6	Aug.	10	Daniel Burnham Krug, Jr.
7	Aug.	16	Rose Ethel Fisher
8	Aug.	30	Kenneth George Pepin
9	Sept.	1	Paul Stewart Wakem
10	Sept.	23	Arthur George Dodge
11	Oct.	14	Raymond Ferron
12	Dec.	1	Suzanne Marie Pelissier

Deaths

				Yr.	Mo.	Day
1	Jan.	28	William St. John	58		
2	Feb.	5	Lucy (Pittsinger) Connery	81	6	12
3	Mar.	24	Allan Strong	69	3	3
4	May	21	Ermin L. Ray	56		17
5	Aug.	24	Dorothy Agnes Loud	41	4	24

Marriages

1	Jan.	30	Frank Louis Truehart	Easthampton, Mass.
			Eleanor May Scott	Westhampton
2	Apr.	3	Emile Willard Derouin	Westhampton
			Helen Dorothy Perzan	Easthampton, Mass.

3 May	1	Merrill A. Witherell	Westhampton
		Bertha R. LaRocque	South Deerfield, Mass.
4 May	30	Frank Wells Munson	Williamsburg, Mass.
		Ernestine Eleanor Warren	Westhampton
5 June	26	Robert Squier Osborne	Holyoke, Mass.
		Violet May Bridgman	Westhampton
6 June	30	Raymond William Derouin	Westhampton
		Doris Madeline Stawarz	Easthampton, Mass.

Dog Account

56 males @ $2.00	$112.00	
7 females @ $5.00	35.00	
18 Spayed females @ $2.00	36.00	
1 kennel @ $10.00	10.00	
		$193.00
Paid Town Treasurer	$176.60	
Retained 82 fees @ 20¢	16.40	
		$193.00

Fish and Game Licenses

18 resident fishing @ $2.00	$36.00	
25 resident hunting @ $2.00	50.00	
35 resident sporting @ $3.25	113.75	
19 resident women and minor fishing @ $1.25	23.75	
3 resident trapping @ $5.25	15.75	
		$239.25

Free licenses
2 sporting and trapping

1 military sporting		
Paid to Division of Fisheries and Game	$214.25	
Retined 100 Fees @ 25¢	25.00	
		$239.25

D. L. JUDD,

Town Clerk

I have examined the accounts of the Town Clerk and find them correct.

JEAN W. NORRIS,

Auditor

REPORT OF THE

Town Treasurer

Deecmber 31, 1948

RECEIPTS

Balance on Hand January 1, 1948		$32,979.68
Taxes		
1947 Real Estate	$2,100.76	
Personal Property	706.10	
Excise	86.31	
1948 Real Estate	11,628.81	
Personal Property	5,706.08	
Excise	1,368.65	
Poll	252.00	
Interest on Taxes		
1947	60.41	
1948	13.44	
Demands		
1947 taxes	3.85	
1948 taxes	4.55	
Warrants		
1947 taxes	4.50	
1948 taxes	4.50	
Highways		
Massachusetts State Treasurer		
Chapter 81, 1947 work	2,222.58	
1948 work	9,236.94	

Schools	
Massachusetts State Treasurer	
Tuition, Sept. 1946-June 1947	2,451.49
Ch. 70, Part 2	2,631.50
Ch. 70, Part 1	673.75
Ch. 70, Section 7A (Transportation)	4,348.20
Ch. 70, Section 7A (Transportation) (Proportion of State Tax)	219.89
Vocational Tuition (Sept. '46-August '47)	467.55
Vocational Transportation (Sept. '46-Aug. '47)	571.10
School Superintendents	136.64
City of Northampton, Tuition	150.00
Old Age Assistance	
Massachusetts State Treasurer	
U. S. Grant	4,026.25
U. S. Grant, Administration	94.96
State	3,141.38
Meal Taxes	206.04
City of Springfield	226.23
City of Lynn	32.00
Town of Worthington	203.41
Aid to Dependent Children	
Massachusetts State Treasurer	27.27
U. S. Grant, Administration	2.10
From Massachusetts State Treasurer	
Corporation Taxes	1,225.79
Income taxes	1,055.88
Temporary Aid and Transportation	378.10
Public Service	148.19

Burial of Indigent Persons	135.00	
Dept. of Agriculture, Div. of Livestock Disease Control	12.50	
From Hampshire County Treasurer		
Dog Licenses Refund	$148.73	
Wild Cat Bounty	10.00	
Interest from Trust Funds		
Cemetery	58.26	
Whiting Street	20.70	
Wright	15.00	
Thayer	15.00	
Interest from Town Funds	142.05	
Town Clerk, Dog Licenses	180.20	
Town Highway Dept.		
Road Machinery Acc.	2,126.10	
Miscellaneous Income		
Revolver Permits	3.50	
Innholder's Licenses	2.00	
Victualer's Licenses	3.00	
Junk Dealer's Licenses	4.00	
Lord's Day Permit	1.00	
Town of Southampton, Snowplowing	52.00	
City of Holyoke, Snowplowing	90.25	
City of Northampton, Refund on High School Tuition	56.00	
Return on Tax Collector's Bond	5.25	
Discount taken, Order #1758	.50	
Total 1948 Income		$58,898.23
		$91,877.92

EXPENDITURES

Paid Selectmen's Orders	$57,152.65	
Paid School Committee's Orders	16,689.33	
Bal. on Hand January 1, 1949	18,035.94	
		$91,877.92

Outstanding Taxes

1948 Real Estate	$2,088.99	
Personal Property	931.32	
Excise	39.96	
Poll	2.00	
		$3,062.27

Road Machinery Account

Balance January 1, 1948	$1,072.53	
Income	2,126.10	
	3,198.63	
Expenses	1,252.16	
Balance on Hand January 1, 1948		$1,946.47

Balances on Hand January 1, 1949

School Building Fund	$1,032.05
Aid to Dependent Children, U. S. Grant	47.20
Town Hall Repair Fund	10.62
Road Machinery Building	3,103.68
For an addition to, and renovations on the Town Hall, from Balance in the Treasury	5,000.00

It has not yet been necessary to borrow the balance of the amount appropriated.

Funds Held in Trust by the Town

		Int. Drawn in 1948
Cemetery		
$2,000.00	Lucy Langdon Totman	$40.00
500.00	O. C. Bridgman	7.50
100.00	Myra G. Strong	1.50
100.00	George Burt	1.50
100.00	Sarah Cook	1.50
100.00	Samuel Edwards	1.50
100.00	A. L. Searle	1.50
100.00	Emma G. Damon	1.50
50.00	D. L. Brown	.76
50.00	Susan A. Loud	1.00
		$58.26
Worthy Poor		
$1,380.85	Whiting Street	$20.70
1,000.00	Wright	15.00
		$35.70
Thayer		
$1,000.00	(½ to Town, ½ to Parish)	$15.00

RALPH S. BRIDGMAN,

Treasurer

I have examined the accounts of the Treasurer and find them correct, showing disbursements to the amount of seventy-three thousand, eight hundred forty-one dolars and nlinety-eight cents ($73,841.98), for which vouchers are on file, and a balance on hand of eighteen thousand, thirty-five dollars and ninety-four cents ($18,035.94). Due from Ralph S. Bridgman, tax collector, 1948 real estate tax, two thousand eighty-eight dollars and ninety-nine cents ($2,088.99), personal property tax, nine hundred thirty-one dollars and thirty-two cents ($931.32), excise, thirty-nine dollars and ninety-six cents ($39.96), and poll, two dollars ($2.00).

JEAN W. NORRIS,
Auditor

REPORT OF THE

Board of Selectmen

Town Officers

Mass. Selectmen's Association Dues	$10.00
Mass. Collectors' & Treasurers' Dues	2.00
Mass. Assessors' Dues State & County	6.00
Gertrude E. Flint, Registrar, Election Officer	33.50
Charles M. Norris, Town Clerk	20.00
F. W. Judd, Auditor	15.00
F. W. Judd, Sealer of Weights & Measures	10.00
Selectmens' Association Dues (Co.)	6.00
Myron M. Clapp, Cattle Inspector	25.00
Myron M. Clapp, Meat Inspector	41.00
William M. Fiske, Moderator	10.00
Grace Williams, Election Officer	25.00
Gilbert I. Flint, Election Officer	28.75
Henry Payson, Election Officer	11.25
Estelle Frary, School Committee	80.00
Edward Montague, School Committee	60.00
Ellis Hover, School Committee	60.00
James O. Hickey, Dog Officer	10.00
J. C. Hathaway, Assessor	123.75
Estelle Frary, Old Age Administrator	135.00
R. S. Bridgman, Tax Collector & Treasurer	416.66
D. L. Judd, Town Clerk	125.00
Jean Norris, Auditor (for 1948)	25.00

Philip Norris, Assessor	105.31	
F. H. Burr, Assessor	86.25	
C. R. Burt, Selectman	125.00	
D. B. Lyman, Selectman	121.25	
F. W. Blakesley, Selectman	108.00	
F. W. Blakesley, Registrar	30.00	
		$1,854.72

Trust Funds

Cemetery:		
Barbara Judd, Treasurer	$58.26	
Wright & Whiting Street, Frances Loud, Treasurer	35.70	
Thayer Fund, Richard Tracy, Treasurer	7.50	
R. S. Bridgman, Collector	7.50	
		$108.96

Town Hall

Western Mass. Electric Co., Lights	$48.04	
Herbert Williams, Janitor	13.37	
H. M. Parsons, Wood	7.00	
Howard Williams, Janitor	39.58	
Raymond Williams, Jr., Lawn	2.25	
American LaFrance, Light	40.22	
Raymond Lemery, Lawn	20.25	
Jeffway Hatch, Inc., Supplies & Labor	50.86	
Clarence Delisle, Wood	26.00	
		$247.57

Interest, Insurance and Bonds

Sanders' Ins. Agency	$5.00
George A. Pease & Co.	24.54
George A. Pease & Co.	150.00
Sanders' Ins. Agency	40.50

George A. Pease & Co.	250.00	
King & Cushman, Inc.	5.88	
George A. Pease & Co.	59.91	
George A. Pease & Co.	24.76	
		$560.59

Road Machinery

John Cernak, Jr.	$245.06	
Cernak Motor Sales	52.28	
F. W. Blakesley	37.85	
Harland Lemery	5.00	
J. Hugh Pierce	1.70	
Perkins' Eaton Co.	80.23	
Frary Motor Co.	1.80	
Foster Farrar Co.	10.20	
Walsh Boiler Works	36.00	
H. R. Malone	9.00	
Manchester Co.	14.04	
E. Ray Ashley	32.13	
C. R. Burt	2.00	
Frank S. Parsons	230.86	
A. E. Witherell	15.00	
A. W. Stuart	7.50	
Socony Vacuum Co.	138.22	
Richard Warren	35.95	
Edison Co.	39.00	
Howard Loud	12.00	
C. & I. Service Station	5.60	
R. Russell Co.	15.64	
Jeffway Hatch Co. Inc.	4.10	
J. W. Parsons	75.00	
Construction Equipment Co.	134.40	
Hector Arel Co.	11.60	
		$1,252.16

Caterpillar Grader & Snow Wing

Perkins, Eaton Mach. Co.	$6,497.00	
		$6,497.00

Parking Space

Edward Omasta	$126.00	
Freeman Scott	108.00	
		$234.00

Contingent Fund

Community Council	$3.00	
Katherine C. Ryan	12.00	
City of Northampton	66.64	
Treasurer of Hampshire Co.	3.00	
Westhampton Water Co.	5.00	
Visual Education Service		
Projector Repair	39.82	
Henry A. Marchand	10.00	
Edith Blakesley	15.00	
		$154.46

Printing & Supplies

W. E. Londergan	$20.00	
Barre Gazette Press	26.03	
Harlow & Fennessey	35.00	
Metcalf Printing Co.	166.70	
Mark W. Supple	40.54	
Ash Furniture Co.	18.00	
First National Bank	4.50	
Rich Lithographing Co.	25.00	
Estelle Frary	1.10	
Doval Printing House	1.70	
Hobbs & Warren, Inc.	53.36	
Forbes Snyder, Inc.	3.47	
The Kraushar Press	5.70	
John C. Hathaway	5.63	
R. S. Bridgeman	22.30	
F. W. Blakesley	37.74	
D. L. Judd	7.07	
C. R. Burt	4.31	
		$478.15

Withholding Tax

Collector of Internal Revenue	$337.66

Travel Expense

C. R. Burt & R. H. Tracy	$14.60	
Philip Norris	5.50	
F. H. Burr	5.50	
John C. Hathaway	4.00	
		$29.60

Taxes

County Treasurer	$1,650.89	
State Parks & Reservations	28.27	
Auditing Muncipal Accounts	224.35	
		$1,903.51

Fire Equipment

James R. Shea	$50.00	
American La France	51.76	
		$101.76

Dog Licenses

Treasurer Hampshire County	$180.20

Well Child Clinic

Mrs. Ruth Hover, R.N.	$30.00	
Herman Felsen, M.D.	30.00	
		$60.00

Diphtheria Clinic

Mrs. Ruth Hover, R.N.	$25.00	
Herman Felsen, M.D.	25.00	
		$50.00

Memorial Day

Mrs. Pearl Flint	$17.50	
Rev. Donald Paige	10.00	
		$27.50

Gypsy Moth

Walter Witherell	$62.50	
Ernest Witherell	36.00	
Thomas Vachula	6.00	
Ralph Payson	12.00	
Myron Hathaway	36.00	
Herbert Williams	22.50	
		$175.00

Recreation

C. M. Norris	$25.00	
T. A. Purseglove	52.70	
T. A. Purseglove	4.85	
Ernest Delisle	20.00	
		$102.55

Cemetery Account

Stanley Bartlett	$200.00	

Library

H. R. Huntting Co.	$96.11	
George H. Knight	25.00	
Henry Parsons	24.00	
Marion Mascho	100.00	
Marion Mascho	18.62	
		$263.73

Employee Retirement

Treasurer of Hampshire Co.	$143.91	
		$143.91

Bridges & Railings

F. W. Blakesley	$112.00	
George Payson	24.00	
Donald B. Lyman	211.11	
Machinery Fund	48.00	
Robert Blakesley	30.00	
Henry Parsons	186.25	
Burten Bushey	30.00	
Raymond Lemery	6.00	
Edward Balise	3.00	
John Tylczak	12.00	
Federal Supply	6.35	
		$668.71

Snow Removal, Sanding and Road Work

F. W. Blakesley	$401.40
George Payson	65.50
Murray Clapp	4.25
Richard C. Warren	1,200.40
Daniel Krug	4.00
Machinery Fund	495.10
E. A. Montague	61.68
Maurice Scott	6.25
J. D. Lynch	49.00
Ernest Witherell	19.90
Myron Hathaway	20.00
Conrad Crystal	2.50
Fred Challet	17.00
Walter Witherell, Jr.	2.19
Edward Balise	6.00
Herbert Williams	19.50
Raymond Lemery	25.00
Freeman Scott	322.01
George Burt	1,052.13
Allan Strong	59.00
William Fiske	187.59
W. N. Potter	78.00

Oliver Bishop	70.25	
John Tylczak	18.00	
Walter Witherell	10.50	
Everett Blakesley	3.13	
Ralph Blakesley	2.50	
Harland Lemery	3.50	
Lawrence Blakesley	6.00	
Merrill Witherell	2.19	
		$4,214.47

Road Machinery Building

Richard Warren	$142.38	
Freeman Scott	80.00	
Oliver Bishop	50.00	
Samuel Carlson	35.00	
James O. Hickey	78.47	
Rodney Howard	2.63	
Donald B. Lyman	11.25	
Valentine Concrete	168.75	
Burten Bushey	12.00	
Robert Blakesley Jr.	12.00	
F. W. Blakesley	23.75	
Edward Omasta	121.50	
Henry Parsons	101.57	
George Payson	4.50	
T. E. Adams	46.57	
Ellis Hover	2.20	
C. R. Burt	3.75	
		$896.32

Road Material Chapter 90 Maintenance

American Tar Co.	$1,569.47	
F. W. Blakesley	29.10	
Lane Construction Co.	22.20	
		$1,620.77

Chapter 90 Maintenance

Raymond Lemery	$26.25	
Frederick Pinard	2.25	
George Payson	116.25	
Oliver Bishop	146.25	
Lawrence Macomber	69.00	
Edward Omasta	103.50	
Raymond Pinard	22.50	
R. B. Warren	4.50	
Freeman Scott	40.00	
Burten Bushey	9.00	
Robert Blakesley	30.00	
Herbert Williams	6.00	
F. W. Blakesley	275.00	
Edward Balise	2.25	
Kenneth Drew	24.75	
Murray Clapp	20.25	
Robert Norris	2.25	
A. E. Witherell	138.00	
Mach. Fund	126.25	
John Vollinger	52.00	
R. C. Warren	17.00	
John Tylczak	135.00	
Town of Chesterfield	11.50	
		$1,379.75

Chapter 90 Material

Valentine Concrete	$2,123.25
New England Metal	298.90
Samuel Carlson	25.50
Henry Parsons	339.14
John Cernak	13.53
Foster Farrar	12.37
Freeman Scott	31.35
E. A. Montague	394.10
Concrete Steel Co.	903.95
Bisbee Bros.	1,329.52

F. W. Blakesley	5.68	
Warner Bros., Inc.	1.04	
State Prison Inds.	122.50	
		$5,600.83

Chapter 90 Construction

Edward Omasta	$193.50	
F. W. Blakesley	716.25	
Norman Bates	535.63	
George Payson	321.75	
Machinery Fund	518.75	
Henry Snyder	1,120.00	
James Corbitt	228.00	
Oliver Bishop	498.00	
R. C. Warren	157.50	
Robert Blakesley, Jr.	6.00	
L. H. Cranson	858.00	
Michael Sabo	627.75	
Stanley Guzik	476.25	
Freeman Scott	422.00	
Williamsburg (Town)	56.00	
William Corbitt	190.00	
John Tylczak	24.00	
A. E. Witherell	24.00	
Herbert Williams	44.25	
E. A. Montague	225.00	
Warner Bros. Inc.	23.00	
		$7,265.63

Chapter 81 Material

E. A. Montague	$90.40
New England Culvert Co.	137.79
Ernest Witherell	4.60
J. Sarfin	44.10
Henry Payson	47.40
Samuel Carlson Co.	45.00

F. W. Blakesley	136.40	
Lane Construction Co.	54.00	
American Tar Co.	4,173.46	
		$4,733.15

Chapter 81

John Tylczak	$169.50	
E. A. Montague	270.63	
R. C. Warren	146.50	
Lawrence Blakesley	160.50	
Raymond Lemery	339.00	
George Payson	147.00	
A. E. Witherell	699.00	
Henry Snyder	128.00	
Lawrence Macomber	294.00	
F. W. Judd	12.00	
Robert Norris	16.50	
Town of Chesterfield	22.00	
Raymond Pinard	11.25	
William Fiske	2.00	
Robert Blakesley	24.00	
Frank Montague	144.00	
F. W. Blakesley	1,042.50	
Edward Balise	118.50	
Machinery Fund	938.00	
Freeman Scott	118.00	
Frederick Pinard	52.50	
Murray Clapp	39.00	
Oliver Bishop	441.75	
Edward Omasta	729.00	
Kenneth Drew	48.00	
John Vollenger	60.13	
Burten Bushey	57.00	
R. B. Warren	1.50	
Francis Loud	6.75	
Herbert Williams	69.00	
		$6,307.51

Old Age Assistance

Case No.		
14	$938.06	
16	594.48	
17	120.00	
18	729.30	
21	668.33	
26	474.75	
27	193.10	
28	593.20	
30	691.89	
32	486.95	
33	504.05	
34	670.89	
36	669.40	
37	459.75	
38	881.55	
39	500.58	
40	61.20	
		$9,237.48

O. A. A. Administrative Expense

Salary		
Gertrude E. Flint	$33.33	
Estelle E. Frary	231.67	
		$265.00

Recapitulation

Town Officer	$1,854.72
Trust Funds	108.96
Town Hall	247.57
Interest, Insurance and Bonds	560.59
Road Machinery	1,252.16
Caterpillar Grader & Snow Wing	6,497.00
Parking Space	234.00
Contingent Fund	154.46

Printing & Supplies	478.15	
Withholding Tax	337.66	
Travel Expense	29.60	
Taxes	1,903.51	
Fire Equipment	101.76	
Dog Licenses	180.20	
Well Child Clinic	60.00	
Diphtheria Clinic	50.00	
Memorial Day	27.50	
Gypsy Moth	175.00	
Recreation	102.55	
Cemetery Account	200.00	
Library	263.73	
Employee Retirement	143.91	
Bridges & Railings	668.71	
Snow Removal, Sanding & Road Work	4,214.47	
Road Machinery Building	896.32	
Road Material Chap. 90 Maint.	1,620.77	
Chapter 90 Maint.	1,379.75	
Chapter 90 Material	5,600.83	
Chapter 90 Construction	7,265.63	
Chapter 81 Material	4,733.15	
Chapter 81	6,307.51	
Old Age Assistance	9,237.48	
O. A. A. Adm. Expense	265.00	
		$57,152.65

Budget Recommended For 1949

Schools	$12,192.00
Highways, Chapter 81	690.00
Highways, Chapter 90	1,500.00
Highways, Chapter 90 Maint.	1,000.00
Bridges & Railings	500.00
Town Officers	2,000.00
Old Age Assistance	6,000.00
Board of Health	50.00

Well Child Clinic	60.00
Interest, Insurance & Bonds	600.00
Town Hall	200.00
Gypsy Moth	175.00
Printing & Supplies	500.00
Library, Dog License Refund, plus	115.00
Memorial Day	40.00
Contingent Fund	150.00
Reserve Fund	600.00
Snow Removal, Sanding and Road Work	3,000.00
Soldiers' Relief	200.00
Rabies Vaccine	50.00
Diphtheria Clinic	50.00
Public Welfare	200.00
Fire Patrol	100.00
Cemetery	200.00
Road Machinery	1,946.47
Travel Expense	100.00
Fire Equipment	100.00

List of Names in Juror Box

James O. Hickey	Postal Clerk
William M. Fiske	Farmer
F. W. Judd	Laborer
John Putnam	Electrical Engineer
Maurice Scott	Truck Driver
Arthur Dodge	Farmer

Jurymen Who Served in 1948

Frank E. Hathaway	Traverse Juror
Gilbert I. Flint	Grand Juror
H. M. Bridgman	Traverse Juror

CHARLES R. BURT
FRANK W. BLAKESLEY
DONALD B. LYMAN
Selectmen

I have examined the accounts of the Selectmen and find them correct, orders having been drawn to the amount of fifty-seven thousand one hundred fifty-two dollars and sixty-five cents ($57,152.65) for which vouchers are on file.

JEAN W. NORRIS,
Auditor

REPORT OF THE

Board of Assessors

1948

Raise and Appropriate

Schools	$16,800.00
Highways, Chapter 81 ...	690.00
Highways, Chapter 91	2,500.00
Highways, Chapter 90 (Maintenance)	1,000.00
Bridges and Railings	800.00
Town Officers	2,000.00
Old Age Assistance	4,000.00
Board of Health	50.00
Board of Health (Well Child Clinic)	60.00
Interest, Insurance, Bonds	500.00
Town Hall	500.00
Gypsy Moth	175.00
Printing and Supplies	300.00
Library, Dog License Refund, plus	115.00
Contingent Fund	100.00
Snow Removal, Sanding and Road Work	3,500.00
Soldiers' Relief	200.00
Rabies Vaccine	50.00
Diphtheria Clinic	50.00
Public Welfare	200.00
Fire Patrol	100.00
Cemetery	200.00
Traveling Expense	100.00

Fire Equipment	100.00	
Memorial Day	30.00	
Recreation	200.00	
World War II Vet. Picture	50.00	
Parking Space	250.00	
Retirement	143.91	
Bal. due on new Road Grader	997.00	
Machinery Shed	1,000.00	

Balance in Treasury

Reserve Fund (from overlay)	600.00	
Snow Removal, Sanding Road Work	500.00	
Road Machinery Account	1,272.53	
Highways, Chapter 81	6,000.00	
Highways Chapter 90	6,000.00	
Highways (Chapter 90 (maintenance)	2,000.00	
Sodom Bridge	800.00	
State Tax	24.12	
State Parks & Reservations	224.35	
County Tax	1,496.27	
Overlay	448.58	
Total		$56,126.76
Estimated receipts and available funds	$35,385.56	
Net amount raised on polls and property	20,741.20	
		$56,126.76
Personal Valuation	$165,935.00	
Real Estate Valuation	345,745.00	
		$511,680.00
Tax on Personal Property	$6,637.40	
Tax on Real Estate	13,829.80	
Tax on Polls	274.00	
		$20,741.20

Tax Rate	$40.00
December omitted assessments on Real Estate	20.00
Motor Vehicle Tax	1,408.61
Exemption on Real Estate	80.00
Exemption on Poll Tax	16.00
Abatements on Real Estate	52.00
Abatements on Poll	4.00

From the Table of Aggregates

	Horses	Cows	Sheep	Goats	Cattle	Swine	Fowls	Dwellings
1946	65	255	14	8	145	57	11,805	186
1947	58	251	14	7	141	60	11,870	191
1948	51	285	7	9	154	38	8,470	194

JOHN C. HATHAWAY

PHILIP J. NORRIS

FREDERICK H. BURR

Assessors

I have examined the accounts of the Assessors and find them correct.

JEAN W. NORRIS

Auditor

REPORT OF THE

Edwards Thayer Memorial Library

Receipts

Town Appropriation	$115.00	
Dog tax refund	148.73	
		$263.73

Expenditures

H. R. Huntting, books	$96.11	
G. H. Knight, janitor	25.00	
H. M. Parsons, wood	24.00	
Marion Mascho, books	18.62	
Marion Mascho, librarian	100.00	
		$263.73

Edward H. Montague Fund

Easthampton Savings Bank

Receipts

Balance, Jan. 1, 1948	$531.60	
Interest	10.60	
		$542.20

Expenditures

Two books	$7.25	
Balance, Jan. 1, 1949	534.95	
		$542.20

Trust Funds, Easthampton Savings Bank

Receipts

Balance, Jan. 1, 1948	$922.63	
Interest	98.61	
		$1,021.24

Expenditures

Electricity	$9.20	
W. N. Potter, supplies	8.40	
P. J. Clapp, wood	7.50	
Remington Rand, supplies	4.95	
Raymond Lemery, care of lawn	6.00	
National Geographic Magazine	4.25	
Edith E. Grant, magazines	38.25	
Books	17.00	
		95.55
Bank Balance, Jan. 1, 1949		925.69
		$1,021.24

One hundred forty-two books were purchased. Gifts were received from Daniel Bridgman. Two hundred ninety-seven books were read in "Adventures in Reading". One hundred four books were given to the State Hospital.

Circulation

Adult fiction	1045
Adult non fiction	126
Juvenile	1102
Magazines	489

Books Borrowed from the Bookmobile

Adults	135
Juvenile	117

BARBARA I. JUDD
JULIA E. MONTAGUE
ELEANOR PUTNAM
GERTRUDE E. FLINT
REV. WALTER WYMAN
PHILIP J. CLAPP
HERBERT F. MASCHO
Board of Trustees

REPORT OF THE

School Committee

To the Citizens of Westhampton:

The committee held a regular meeting each month, with the exception of the month of August; and, also two special meetings. Routine business was discussed and acted upon.

February 4, 1948 the committee attended a joint meeting of School Union No. 3, held at the home of the chairman, J. Arnold Openshaw, in Southampton. The speaker of the evening was Dr. Franklin P. Hawkes, Sup't. of the West Springfield Schools.

April 8, 1948, we attended the annual meeting of the joint school committee, at Easthampton. Mrs. Frary was elected secretary of the School Union for the year 1948-1949.

May 14, 1948 the committee attended a dinner meeting of the Massachusetts Association of School Committees, held at the Hotel Northampton. The guest speaker was Dr. Charles F. Phillips, President of Bates College, at Lewiston, Maine.

November 1, 1948 we entertained the joint School Committee of Union No. 3, at a dinner, held at the church parlors, at 7:00 P.M., followed by an educational movie and business meeting. The dinner was prepared and served by the wives of the school committee members and Mrs. Frary.

We list, herewith, a summary of our activities for the year, viz:

1. Renewal of the contract for transportation of High and Smith's school students for a period of three years.

2. On the evening of May 21st, we held "Open House" at the school. Even though there was a severe thunder storm and the rain fell in torrents, twenty-seven parents were present, in addition to a number of students, the three teachers, school committee members and their wives and Mr. Dexter. The school committee furnished refreshments of Coca-Cola and assorted home-made cookies.

3. Tuition for "out of town students" was increased from $75 to $100 per pupil, effective September 8, 1948.

4. Increase of teacher's salaries.

5. New rules set forth by the State Dept. of Education made it advisable that beginning January, 1949, all "work cards" for children under twenty-one years of age will be issued at the office of Sup't. of Schools, in Easthampton.

6. Purchase of a new steel storage cabinet for use in the principal's room, as well as two up-to-date maps of North America and the World.

7. Entire interior of the schoolhouse was renovated. A new ceiling in the rear hall, floors were sanded and refinished and the woodwork and walls painted.

We wish to thank our Superintendent, Mr. Dexter, for his untiring effort to help and advise us in carrying out the duties of the School Department, and his keen interest in the working of our school. He gave

so generously of his time during the summer to supervise the renovating of the schoolhouse. This is also our opportunity to thank all others whose services contributed toward making our school a better place to serve our younger citizens.

EDWARD A. MONTAGUE, Chairman

ESTELLE E. FRARY, Secretary

ELLIS T. HOVER

REPORT OF THE

Superintendent of Schools

It is with pleasure that I submit this, my fourth annual report of the Public Schools of Westhampton. This is the fifty-eight in the series.

The 1948-1949 enrollment for Center School is, as follows:

Pre-primary and Grade 1	11 pupils
Grade 2	6 pupils
Grade 3	6 pupils
Grade 4	4 pupils
Grade 5	11 pupils
Grade 6	7 pupils
Grade 7	9 pupils
Grade 8	11 pupils
TOTAL	65 pupils

Eleven pupils are attending Northampton High School, one pupil is enrolled in Easthampton High School, and three are attending Smith's Agricultural School in Northampton. Eight pupils are attending private and parochial schools. Our present enrollment in elementary and secondary schools is seventy-seven.

Westhampton pupils who are attending Northampton High School continue to do creditable work there, and good reports come from Smith's Agricultural School on the progress of the three pupils who are in attendance there. The pupil attending Easthampton High School is passing all subjects, and word

from colleges and other schools of higher learning proves the ability of our pupils to succeed. It is a pleasure to report progress of this nature.

Center School opened in September with no change in faculty. With the exception of the special teacher of the Nature Class under the Audubon Society, all special supervisors and teachers have returned. The Audubon class was discontinued last year because of the increased cost. It was thought that a supervisor of art might be obtained, in order that the talents of the pupils be developed, but as yet we have found no one who will do the work for the price we are willing to pay for this service.

I am glad to report that Mr. Rowe attended Hyannis summer session this past summer, and is earnestly working for his master's degree at Boston University. He has attended several professional meetings, and has brought back much useful information to the faculty.

The Prose and Poetry series of literature books was purchased during the summer for Grades VI, VII, and VIII, so that now we feel that literature, as well as language, completes the series from the early grades through Grade VIII. We plan to emphasize science to a greater extent in Grades III, IV, and V, and, with the purchase of new science books for those grades, we feel that our elementary curriculum will be well rounded, and that the pupils' experience will be enriched in all fields.

Two new maps were purchased, the first since the war, and in order that the pupils may be well informed in current events, class newspapers have been continued for all civics classes.

It is the policy of the administration to furnish the children of Westhampton with the newest and best

textbooks in the basic subjects. The moving-picture machine is being used to good advantage. We now have a radio-phonograph, and a fair library of reference books. We are fortunate to be supplied with these important tools of learning.

During the past year the entire inside of the building was painted and repaired. The three classrooms, corridors, and toilet rooms were all painted in attractive "eye-rest" colors; a new ceiling was installed in the corridor; and all floors were sanded, sealed, and waxed. We feel that this new method of floor treatment not only makes the whole interior of the building more attractive, but results in a more sanitary and cleaner way of maintaining the building.

The new Chapter 70, known as the School Aid Bill, which was passed in 1948, will refund to the Town of Westhampton an estimated $6,033 during 1949. This amount of the school budget will not have to be raised by taxation, and a consequent lowering of the tax — on account of schools — will result. This new State Aid bill, which raised state aid for public education from $5,000,000 to $15,000,000, is the first forward step the State of Massachusetts has taken in this direction in thirty years. The 1949 program of the Council for Public Schools comprises the sponsoring of another bill, now before the General Court, which, if passed, will increase state aid to $40,000,000. The Council is made up of the Massachusetts Association of School Committees, the Massachusetts Teachers Federation, and the Massachusetts Superintendents Association.

Our past year has been a satisfactory one. The quality of the graduation program and the Christmas play shows the type of effort the teachers have put into their work.

Standardized tests, given in May and during the year, show the progress of both teachers and pupils.

Westhampton is fortunate to have a faculty of teachers who work so diligently for the pupils under their direction.

May I at this time thank the members of the School Committee and teachers for their support during the past year. It is a matter of pride to report one-hundred-per-cent cooperation of all members of the school personnel in all matters pertaining to the department.

We wish to thank the members of other town departments for their valued assistance. We appreciate the untiring efforts of our janitors in keeping the building clean and warm, and also the help of the bus drivers who transport the pupils. We appreciate the assistance of the Library Association in helping the children with their problems. The Church, the 4-H workers, and all clubs and civic groups whose efforts have enriched the educational program, we thank, as well as the parents and other individuals who lend support to the school. It is by the cooperation of all that education in a democracy proceeds.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM A. DEXTER,

Superintendent of Schools

Attendance figures for the school year ending June, 1948:

	Whole No. Enrolled	Average Membership	Average Attendance
Gordon P. Rowe, 6, 7, 8	26	24.31	22.73
Eleanor Putnam, 3, 4, 5	21	20.98	19.69
Rachel Bridgman, 1, 2	13	11.39	10.37
	60	56.68	52.79

REPORT OF THE

Principal

To the citizens of Westhampton:

The annual report of the principal of the Westhampton Center School is hereby submitted for your consideration: The importance of a sound education for every child has become a necessity in the age in which we live. As citizens of a democracy which has become the greatest power in the world today, we must have a broad knowledge and background to meet out responsibility. Our duty as teachers is to guide the development of the child, that he may contribute to his democratic society and reap its rewards.

As a compaartive newcomer to Westhampton, I have remarked the striking individuality of its citizens. Recognition of individual differences is a trend in modern education. Westhampton is a successful democratic community because each individual has something different to offer. We have sought to know each pupil, his joys and sorrows, his problems and difficulties, his desires and interests. Our pupils have varying abilities, and our pupils cannot be cast into a common mold. We believe each has something to contribute, and it is our duty to foster the growth of such potentials.

We are using a basic text book series in language and arithmetic in order that the pupils may master the essentials of reading, writing, and arithmetic in a more systematic and efficient manner for we recognize that we all have obligations in today's society that require

these rudiments. These subjects are not taught for their own sake, but for the use that may be made of them.

The environment in which a child learns has a powerful influence on his attitudes. The painting and repairing which was recently done has greatly improved the interior of our building. We are working at the present time to make a similar improvement to the outside and grounds of the building.

The school has taken part in various community affairs in the past year. Our pupils took part in the Memorial Day Exercises at the cemetery, and December 17th we staged a Christmas operetta. It is our hope that even more coordination of school and community will take place in the ensuing year. The school should become the pride of the town because of its hope for the future.

Respectfully submitted,

GORDON P. ROWE,

Principal

REPORT OF THE

School Nurse

To Mr. William A. Dexter, Superintendent of Schools:

I herewith submit my annual report of the health program at Westhampton Center School.

In January of 1948 the children were weighed and measured. There was one reported case of measles. Otherwise the winter and spring semesters went along without any serious outbreak of communicable diseases.

Dr. H. Felsen started the Diphtheria Clinic in April with two booster doses given to school children and the series of three injections for pre-school children given to fourteen.

Judith Delisle and Norman Cotnoir attended Camp Hodgkins during July and August.

In October Dr. H. Felsen did the physical examinations at school. All defects were reported to parents. The children were told in advance of Dr. Felsen's visit so that parents might feel free to come.

The Massachusetts Vision Test was done in November, and the parents of all children failing or partially failing the test were notified.

Dr. Abel Ross examined the children for needed dental attention, and slips were sent to parents. Those wishing to have Dr. Ross do the work signed and returned the slips. This year the Mothers' Club has supplied transportation for the pupils to Dr. Ross's office

in Northampton. It was decided the work could be done more efficiently in his office, and so it is being conducted in this manner for a trial this year.

In December several cases of mumps and chicken-pox were reported. At Dr. Felsen's suggestions parents of children exposed were asked to keep them home all of the second week after the first day of exposure. This was to keep down exposure of both diseases.

I particularly would like to thank the parents and teachers who cooperated so well in making this school health program successful.

Respectfully submitted,

RUTH S. HOVER

REPORT OF THE

Physical Education Program

To William A. Dexter, Superintendent of Schools:

Again this past school year, I have supervised the Physical Education program for the Westhampton Center School. The fact that the teachers and pupils carry on this work from day to day makes the program even more worth while.

Education today sets forth a principle that children should learn "keen leadership and intelligent fellowship," and even the youngest children get the chance to be good leaders and followers in their various games and physical education activities. In addition, the program has tried to stress good posture, good sportsmanship, and fair play, all of which should help the children to adjust themselves better to the complex needs of our modern society.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the teachers and other members of the School Department for their help and cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

EDNA H. GRAHAM

REPORT OF THE

Supervisor of Music

During the year 1948 I have taught in each classroom of the Westhampton Center School twice a month. In addition to the regular teaching schedule I have helped in preparing extra programs at Christmas, Memorial Day, and at Graduation time.

This year our music work has been furthered by the purchase of song books for the upper grades and the continued use of the radio-phonograph bought last year by the school committee.

May I express my thanks to the regular teachers for their help and cooperation during the school year.

ESTHER STRONG CLAPP

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Appropriation	$16,800.00
Expended in 1948	16,689.33
	$110.67

Expenditures

Administration		
William A. Dexter, Salary	$301.86	
Car Maintenance and Expense	129.21	
Mrs. Hickey, Census	10.00	
Expenses of School Committee	7.50	
Postage and Miscellaneous	2.44	
		451.01
Teachers' Salaries		
Gordon P. Rowe	2,300.00	
Eleanor Putnam	1,900.00	
Rachel Bridgman	1,900.00	
Esther Clapp, Music	158.00	
Edna Graham, Physical Education	133.00	
W. L. Rinehart, Penmanship	135.00	
Marion Mascho, Substitute	16.00	
		6,542.00
Books		127.58
Supplies		176.42
Janitors' Salaries		
Frank Blakesley	240.00	
George Burt	180.00	
Ethel Blakesley	6.00	
Myron Clapp	5.00	
		431.00

Fuel		361.72
Operating Expenses		183.63
Repairs and Replacements		1,116.36
Health		
Dr. Herman Felsen	150.00	
Ruth S. Hover, Nurse	100.00	
Medical Supplies	10.18	
		260.18
Transportation		
Elementary:		
Richard Warren	1,464.50	
Walter Witherell	865.00	
High and Vocational:		
Walter Witherell	2,244.00	
		4,573.50
Tuition		
High School:		
City of Northampton	1,921.44	
Town of Easthampton	135.00	
Vocational:		
Smith's School	313.26	
		2,369.70
Outlay		58.50
Miscellaneous		37.73
Total Expense for Schools for 1948		$16,689.33

Receipts

Funds received in 1948 toward school expenses:

Mass. School Fund, Part 1, Chapter 70	$673.75
Mass. School Fund, Part 2, Chapter 70	2,631.50

Superintendent's Salary & Travel	136.64	
High School Tuition	2,203.56	
High and Elementary Trans.	4,348.20	
& Proportion of State Tax	219.89	
City of Northampton,		
Elementary Tuition	150.00	
Vocational Tuition	467.55	
Vocational Transportation	571.10	
		$11,402.19
Net Cost of Maintaining Schools		5,287.14
Net Cost per Pupil for 1948		$76.62

ESTIMATE OF THE BUDGET FOR 1949

	Expended in 1948	Proposed Budget 1949
Administration	$451.01	500.00
Instruction		
Teachers' Salaries	6,542.00	7;200.00
Books	127.58	200.00
Supplies	176.42	200.00
Maintenance		
Janitors' Salaries	431.00	400.00
Fuel	361.72	300.00
Operating Expense	183.63	125.00
Repairs & Replacements	1,116.36	500.00
General		
Health	260.18	300.00
Trans: High & Voc.	2,244.00	2,300.00
Elementary	2,329.50	2,600.00
Tuition: High	2,056.44	2,900.00
Vocational	313.26	600.00
Miscellaneous	37.73	50.00
Outlay	58.50	50.00
	$16,689.33	$18,225.00
Total budget for 1949		$18,225.00
Estimated amount to be received from State Aid		6,033.00
Amount to be raised by Westhampton		$12,192.00

REPORT OF THE

Well Child Conference

The Well Child Conference was held at Westhamp, Wednesday, June 23, 1948, at the Church Parlors. It was conducted by Dr. Herman Felsen, examining physician, Dr. Abel Ross, dentist, Miss Florence Gates, nutritionist, courtesy of the Hampshire County Extension Service, Mrs. Barbara Judd, registrar, and Mrs. Ruth Hover, Nurse. The volunteer staff from the Westhampton Mothers' Club were: Mrs. Howard Loud and Mrs. John Putnam.

There were 38 children examined as compared to 22 in 1947. New cases—18, Vaccinated—6. Physical defects found: Posture—1, Ear, Nose Glands—3, Tonsils—6, Skin—5, Genitalia—2, Malformations—2. Nutritional defects found: Increase milk—1, Cereals—3, Too much sweets—1, More vegetable—3. Dental defects found: Dental caries—4, Malformations—2.

I wish to thank the Westhampton Mothers' Club who helped in many ways to make this conference so successful and Dr. Abel Ross who volunteered his services for the day.

Respectfully submitted,

RUTH S. HOVER, R.N.

Articles in the Town Warrant

TOWN MEETING

MONDAY, MARCH 7, 1949

Ten A.M. — Prompt

Article 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2. To choose a Town Clerk.

Article 3. To hear and act on all reports presented at said meeting.

Article 4A. To see if the Town will vote to elect its Board of Selectmen for a three year period.

B. If so voted, at this meeting one member shall be elected for three years, one for two years and one for one year. Thereafter one shall be elected annually to serve for three years.

Article 5. To choose all necessary officers to serve the ensuing year.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to leave the care of the highways in charge of the Selectmen.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize its Board of Selectmen to appoint one of its members to act as Superintendent of Streets, and fix the salary to comply with Section 4A Chapter 41, General Laws.

Article 8. To vote in compliance with Section 108, Chapter 41, General Laws, which requires that salaries of elected officers be fixed by vote of the Town.

Article 9. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges the ensuing year.

Article 10. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the observance of Memorial Day.

Article 11. To take action in regard to the collection of taxes.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1949, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 81 highways, Chapter 90 highways, or take any action in relation thereto.

(Other articles may appear in the posted warrant)